

REMARKS

The office action dated August 9, 2005 rejected claims 1, 3, 6-9, 12-18 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,686,820 issued to Ma et al. (hereinafter "the Ma patent"). The action also rejected claims 2 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Ma patent in view of U.S. Patent 6,417,807 issued to Hsu et al. and claims 4-5, 10-11 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Ma patent in view of U.S. Patent 6,924,966 issued to Prophet.

Rule 131 Declaration

Each of the rejections to claims 1-21 are based, in whole or in part, on the Ma patent, which was filed on July 11, 2002. In response, Applicants have enclosed a declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 establishing invention of the subject matter of claims 1-21 prior to July 11, 2002, thereby removing Ma as prior art under section 102(e).

Therefore, in light of this declaration, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the above rejections to claims 1-21.

Conclusion

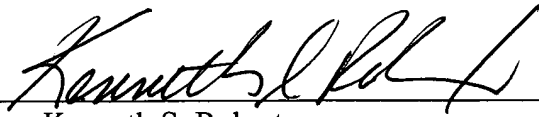
Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-21 are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or comments, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (949) 567-6700.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Counsel's Deposit Account No. **15-0665** for the necessary extension fees and is further authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required and to credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account **15-0665**.

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